inter-alia, seeks to strengthen the forces of technological change and modernisation; skill upgradation; efforts to improve industrial relations, improvement in industrial health and occupational safety; promotion of workers' education and their participation in management; and improvement in the welfare and working conditions of the workers. It has also been decided in the Standing Labour Committee to set up Bipartite Productivity Councils at the national, regional, industrial and plant levels.

Fishing Vessel Charter Policy

@*382. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly two-third of the fisheries potential of the country's exclusive economic zone, valued at Rs. 15,000 crores in foreign exchange remain unexploited due to the delay in the implementation of the Fishing Vessel Charter Policy of 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

As against an estimated exploitable potential of 3.9 million tonnes per annum of fisheries resources in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), about 2.4 million tonnes per annum is being exploited at present. In order to exploit the remaining resources, Government has announced a new deep sea fishing policy in 1991, involving joint ventures, leasing and test fishing, which has been implemented. The 1989 Charter Policy has not been operationalised.

Pakistan and Bangladesh Assistance to Insurgent Groups in North Eastern States

*383. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that different insurgent groups in the North Eastern States are coordinating their activities with active assistance from Pakistan and Bangladesh; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of persons killed by each of the insurgent groups in each of the North Eastern States during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. According to reports various insurgent groups active in the North-East region are having link with each other and are also coordinating their activities. Reports also indicate existence of contacts in Bangladesh. However, of late contacts of North-Eastern insurgent groups in Pakistan have also come to the notice of the Government. Security Forces are keeping a strict watch over the situation.

@Previously starred Question 362, transferred from 18th December, 1992.

(b)

State	Name of the insurgent groups	No. of persons killed during the year (15-12-1992)
Assam	ULFA	40
	Bodos	121
	NSCN/HPC	20
Nagaland	NSCN	64
Manipur	NSCN	34
	Meitei	65
Mizoram	HPC	7
Tripura	ATTF	43
	NLFT	4

Processing and refrigeration of eggs, meat and meat products

*384. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the details of the achievements made by his Ministry during the year 1991-92 in the field of processing and refrigeration of eggs, meat and meat products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): In 1991-92 in the field of processing and refrigeration of egg, meat and meat products, the Ministry made various progress as indicated below:—

Ministry decided to encourage setting up of modern meat and poultry processing plants to promote production and distribution of hygienically produced meat for the consumers and better return to the meat animal rearers, as well as increasing export.

The Ministry provided equity grant in aid/loan to the extent of Rs. 415 lakhs to the following projects:—

—One integrated export oriented frozen buffalo meat plant in Punjab. jab.

—One sheep and goat meat processing plant in Assam.

—Two poultry processing plants in Assam and Madhya Pradesh.

—One pork processing plant in Assam.

The Ministry also provided assistance to a State Government undertaking to the tune of Rs. 9.88 lakh for setting up one meat quality control laboratory at Aligarh, U.P. Rs. 9.91 lakhs to three different institutions for undertaking research and development projects in meatproducts and poultry products, Rs. 7.86 lakh for conducting market survey for export of pet foods.

The Ministry also provided assistance to four State organisations for installation of 77 deep freezers and refrigeators for establishment of hygienic distribution channel and got 112 candidates trained in meat processing in various institutions in the country.

In addition Govt. approvad one export oriented egg processing plant in Tamil Nadu with an investment of about Rs. 1425 lakhs, one large integrated poultry processing project with an investment of about Rs.